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Paula Foley, Hearing Officer Department of Telecommunications & Energy One South Station, 2nd Floor Boston, MA 02110

Re: <u>D.T.E. 03-60</u>

Dear Ms. Foley:

Verizon Massachusetts files these comments in response to your request of November 12, 2003, for parties to submit suggested procedural schedules for the remainder of the Department's investigation in this matter. The attached proposed schedule provides the Department and the parties with a full and fair opportunity to address the issues in this case within the nine-month period prescribed by the FCC in the *Triennial Review Order*. Verizon Massachusetts' proposal gives all parties ample time to conduct discovery, prepare their cases, prepare for hearings, and brief the issues in the case, while affording the Department a reasonable time to reach its decision. The Department should, accordingly, adopt this proposal as its schedule for the remainder of the case.

Sincerely,

Bruce P. Beausejour

cc: Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary

Attached D.T.E. 03-60 Service List

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Verizon Massachusetts Proposed Schedule

Verizon MA Testimony November 14, 2003

Deadline for Serving

Data Requests on Verizon MA December 1, 2003

Verizon MA Responses December 23, 2003

Intervenor Testimony January 23, 2004

Deadline for Serving

Data Requests on Intervenors February 6, 2004

Intervenor Responses February 27, 2004

Verizon MA Rebuttal Testimony March 18, 2004

Hearings Week of April 12

Initial Briefs (all parties) May 7, 2004

Reply Briefs (all parties) May 21, 2004